

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

DARIUS A. PADUCH,

Defendant.

No. 23-cr-181(RA)

ORDER

RONNIE ABRAMS, United States District Judge:

Sentencing in this case is scheduled for November 20, 2024. As the parties are aware, the Crime Victims' Rights Act ("CVRA") grants victims of federal crimes the right to speak at a defendant's sentencing. *See In re Rendon Galvis*, 564 F.3d 170, 174 (2d Cir. 2009). Although the CVRA is limited to victims of the offense of conviction, district courts have discretion to permit other, uncharged victims to speak, provided that the defendant has a fair opportunity to respond. *See United States v. Smith*, 967 F.3d 198, 216 (2d Cir. 2020). If the Government wishes to introduce statements from any non-CVRA victims, it shall notify the Court no later than November 8, 2024. The Government shall also indicate whether it wishes to have any victim statements (CVRA or otherwise) read aloud by another person. Paduch will have an opportunity to respond and object to any such statements at sentencing. *See id.*; *see also United States v. Hadden*, No. 23-6822, 2024 WL 4456203, at \*6 (2d Cir. Oct. 10, 2024) (noting that defendants may object to victim statements as unreliable).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 4, 2024  
New York, New York



Ronnie Abrams  
United States District Judge